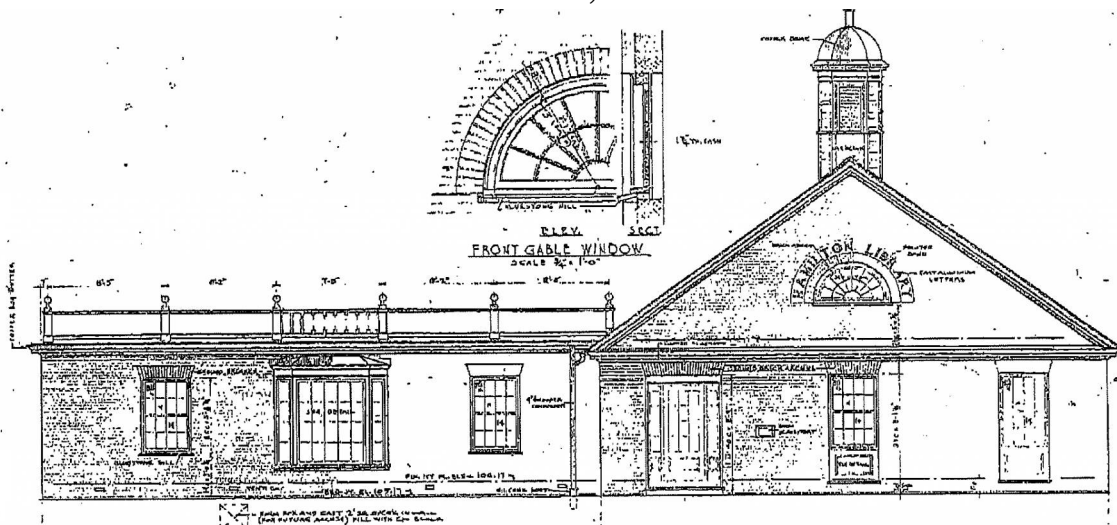


What's in a Name? Everything!

Create a New Name For the Old Hamilton Public Library

299 Bay Road
Hamilton, MA



Entries must be received by
October 14, 2011

Submit to Marcie Ricker at Hamilton Town Hall or
The Hamilton Selectmen's Booth at the
Harvest in the Village Marketplace on September 24, 2011

Winners to be announced at
Fall Town Meeting
October 22, 2011

A plaque commemorating the winner(s) will
be placed upon the newly named building wall.

Background History

The Free Library of Hamilton opened its doors, in the back room of a private home on Bay Road in 1891 and moved several times until March of 1960. The Town voted to appropriate \$90,000 to construct a new public library on Bay Road, which opened in April 1961. The brick faced building was designed to reflect the architecture of the Hamilton Wenham Community House across the street. In 1980, a modular classroom was added to the rear of the building to accommodate the growing children's library. The new Hamilton Wenham Regional Library was constructed in 2001 and the old library was left vacant, waiting for a new use and a new name.

Current Uses:

- i The police and fire departments use the large open area for training and use the meeting rooms for conferences.
- i The Council on Aging has frequent meetings and activities in the open rooms.
- i Town Hall Departments and Boards have overflow meetings for when the Memorial Room in Town Hall is already assigned or a large crowd is expected.
- i Accord Food Pantry is temporarily using the eastern side for a distribution site.
- i Art and Yoga classes are taught in the building.
- i Residents have been vaccinated here during flu vaccine season in years past.
- i Emergency shelter has been provided within its walls during electrical outages.

Potential Uses:

As the building is located in the Business District it is allowed to have a business, residential, or community use. It is located next to the Winthrop Elementary School and in front of the Public Safety Complex, so future uses will need to cooperate with the traffic and safety of those neighboring uses. While the use of the building has not yet been determined, the "Old Library" deserves a name that helps people find it and will help define its place in the community.

Name the Old Hamilton Library Contest Entry Form

Your name or group name

Your contact number or e-mail address

New Name for Old Library

Special reasons to support your suggestions
